Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Till those cases are disposed of, will you kindly put off collections?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. VEERABHADRAPPA. — What are the talukwar details as contained in the report of the Deputy Commissioner regarding rainfall and crop realizations for the year 1934-35?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAO.—The report is that there was an excess of rains in some taluks. Remissions cannot be given under the rules in such cases. They will be granted only if crops fail due to non-supply of water from tanks.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Were not the recommendations sent up by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, in respect of grant of remissions turned down by the Revenue Commissioner?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAO.—No.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—When the matter was brought to the notice of the Government at the last session of the Legislative Council, did not the First Member of Council promise to enquire into it?

Mr. K. MATTHAN.—No.

Difficulties of Motor Bus Owners.

Q.—45. Mr. Mudbagal KRISHNAPPA (Nagar Taluk).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) what is the amount of Road Cess collected from the Motor Services in each district and in each year for the last three years from 1932;

(*b*) what is the expenditure incurred on these services annually for the last three years in each district from 1932;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the Bus Proprietors are being put to much loss;

(*d*) are the Government aware that the levy of the provincial tax on the seating capacity of the buses from January 1936 would cause hardship to the owners of buses;

(*e*) are the Government aware that bus owners are put to heavy loss on account of keen competition and large increase in the number of buses licensed to ply?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—(*a*) *Vide* statement below:—

ROAD CESS COLLECTED.

Name of District		1934-35 Rs.	1933-34 Rs.	1932-33 Rs.
Chitaldrug	...	24,798	24,349	21,547
Mysore	...	1,05,981	1,00,175	1,13,290
Hassan	...	29,961	28,855	29,607
Tumkur	...	38,067	39,570	41,667
Kolar	...	49,308	47,234	55,987
Kadur	...	37,163	34,084	33,394
Shimoga	...	44,871	41,239	36,790
Bangalore	...	1,23,978	1,22,063	1,51,314

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. Mudbagal KRISHNAPPA.—When any service suspends itself for a time in any year, will it get any relief in regard to the amount of cess to be paid for it for that particular year?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Not as a rule.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—On what basis are licences granted to several bus services?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—There is a committee to look into this matter in each district. Its recommendations are based on the traffic requirements of the district and Government pass orders on such recommendations.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Will not all the services suffer if too many are permitted?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No such cases have come to notice. If the number is too large, it may be reduced.

Mr. C. M. GARUDACHAR.—With reference to answer to (*d*) will the Government be pleased to say what the number of buses in Madras was before the provincial tax was levied there and what the number is now after such levy?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—We have no information.

Mr. C. M. GARUDACHAR.—Are Government at least aware that there has been considerable agitation against the principle of taxation on the basis of seating capacity?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. C. M. GARUDACHAR.—Are they aware that there are certain

amendments before the Madras Legislative Council in respect of the provincial tax?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. H. K. MADIAH.—Is it not a fact that with an increase in the number of services in Bangalore City, convenience to the public has also increased?

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan).—Certainly.

Bridge across the Vedavathi in Challakere Taluk.

Q.—46. Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA (Challakere Taluk) and other Members of the Chitaldrug District.—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the matter of the construction of a bridge across the Vedavathi River at Chowlur in Challakere Taluk has come to the notice of Government in the Budget Session of 1934;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared for constructing the bridge as per instructions from the Superintending Engineer;

(*c*) whether this estimate has come to the notice of Government?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—(*a*) The subject was moved in the Dasara Session of 1934.

(*b*) The detailed estimate is still awaited.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*b*) above.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Why is it that the matter has not progressed for the last one year?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Because it is a question of funds.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Have not the District Board made a reference to Government that the question be taken up for urgent consideration?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—May be. But the bridge at Kellodu is more urgent. So, this can be taken up only after the Kellodu bridge is completed.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Is there any bridge across the Vedavathi just now?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Are the Government aware that for want of a bridge, all traffic is held up for months together at Chowlur during the rainy season?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be so. But Kellodu bridge seems to be more urgent. If, however, the District Board will contribute the entire cost of the bridge, it can be taken up without delay.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—What is the estimated cost of the Kellodu bridge?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Rs. 1,06,000.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Have not the Government promised to meet half the cost of the bridge at Kellodu?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The promise stands even now, but Government do not find it possible to provide the necessary funds just now.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—When can the Government provide their quota of expenditure for this bridge?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is more than I can say just at present.

Mr. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—Did not the Government promise at the last session of this House that the work would be started immediately with the District Board contribution, the Government's quota being reserved for the subsequent stages of construction?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the work is once taken up, even the subsequent stages will have to be pushed through at a stretch. So the Government will have to keep ready their quota also. But, for want of funds, they cannot do it just now.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—Will not the District Board's contribution itself be sufficient to keep the work going for a year or two?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—If so, would the Government not have so much time for finding their quota of cost?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—But I cannot say when exactly that quota can be made available.